

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 3454 - SB 3295

March 4, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires home school students in grades three through 12 to take the same standardized tests as regular public school students. Prohibits the test for grades nine through 12 from being the high school proficiency test required by Tenn. Code Ann. § 49-6-6001. Requires home school students and their parents to consult with the director of schools for any school that is below proficient in any subject. Requires a home school student who scores below proficient in two or more subjects to consult with the director of schools and a teacher licensed by the State Board of Education who has an endorsement in the subject or course. Authorizes a director of schools to require any home school student who scores below proficient in two or more subjects and who is not learning-disabled to enroll in the public, private, or church-related school.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$16,500

Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Education (DOE), the cost for the end-of-course assessments is \$1.54 per student, which includes \$0.35 for practice tests, \$0.55 for test books, \$0.13 for response documents, \$0.40 for student reporting, and \$0.11 for student labels. DOE estimates that 4,800 home school students will take the test annually.
- The increase in state expenditures for end-of-course assessments will be \$7,392 ($1.54 \times 4,800$).
- DOE estimates that 1,800 home school students will take TCAP assessments in grades three through eight at a cost of \$5.06 per student, which includes \$1.63 for practice tests, \$3.01 for test books, \$0.12 response documents, \$0.27 for student reporting, and \$0.03 for student labels.
- The increase in state expenditures for TCAP assessments will be \$9,108 ($5.06 \times 1,800$).
- The total increase in state expenditures will be \$16,500 ($9,108 + 7,392$).
- Any increase in local expenditures to hire additional personnel to administer additional standardized tests will be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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